

REMARKS

Claims 9-18 remain pending in the above-referenced application and are submitted for the Examiner's reconsideration.

Claims 9, 10, and 13-17 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by United States Patent No. 4,531,232 to Sakurai ("Sakurai"). Applicants have amended claims 9 and 15 to recite that the base includes a surface for mounting the base to an exterior surface of a motor vehicle. Support for this amendment is found at least in Figure 1. According to the Examiner, reception section 20 meets the recited base. Unlike amended claim 9, however, Sakurai mounts the reception section 20 inside the motor vehicle, as seen in Figure 6, and not on an exterior surface of the vehicle. With respect to claim 15, Sakurai shows radio receiver 12, which contains tuner 13, as being mounted inside the motor vehicle; therefore, Sakurai does not meet the limitation in claim 15 reciting that the tuner is between the antenna and the surface that mounts the base of the antenna to an exterior surface of the motor vehicle. Accordingly, in view of these amendments, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Claims 11, 12, and 18 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sakurai in view of United States Patent No. 5,907,793 to Reams ("Reams"). Since Reams does not overcome the deficiencies noted above with respect to Sakurai, Applicants submit that this rejection should be withdrawn.

It is respectfully submitted that the subject matter of the present application is new, non-obvious, and useful. Prompt consideration and allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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